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Serial No. 09/774,781	Filing Date January 30, 2001	Examiner	Group Art Unit 2652
Inventors Naoya Hasegawa et al.			
Title of Invention Spin-Valve Thin-Film Magnetic Element and Method for Making the Same			

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit references B1-B2 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-294506 is discussed on page 13 of the originally filed application. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-348309 (Japanese Patent Application No. 11-157132) discloses a spin-valve thin magnetic element.

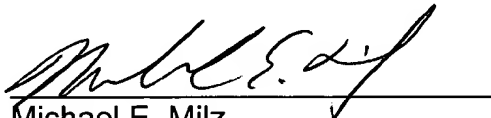
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

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